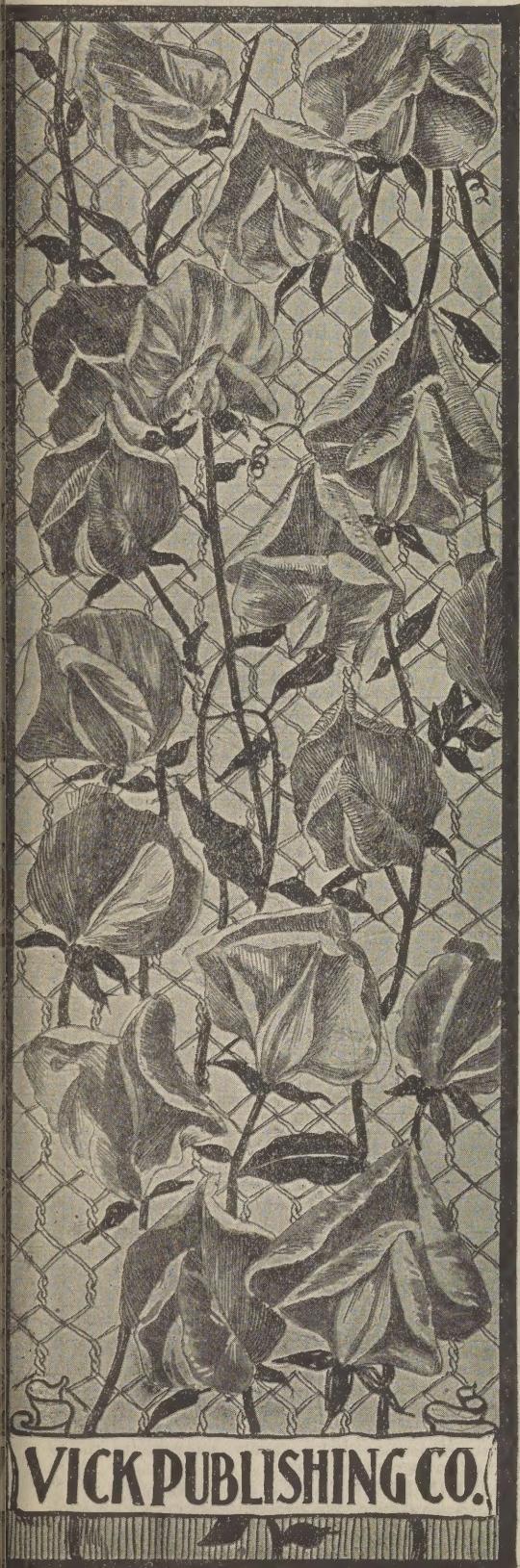


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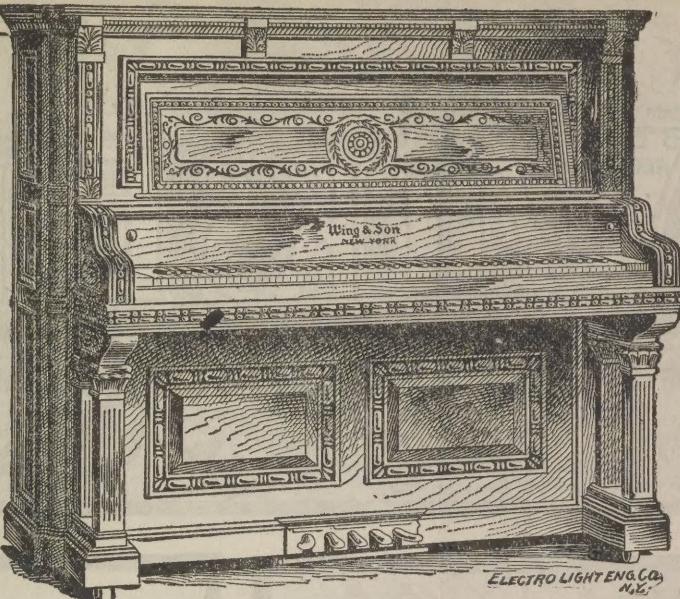
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NOVELTIES IN ROCKERIES.

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A combination of botanical and geological specimens to form what is popularly known as a "rockery" is now the favorite method of ornamenting either the level or hilly lawn. Until recently rockeries were supposed to exist only where there was some special demand for them because of the uneven grounds, the stony spot on an otherwise smooth lawn, or for grouping about the rugged trees, whose numerous roots make it impossible to grow plants on the surface soil, and rocks must be thrown up against the tree to hold the fresh, rich earth in place.

Now every possible tree or slope or stony corner that can offer an excuse for a rockery is thus utilized, and the combination of stones and flowers exists without an excuse, simply for ornamental purposes on level lawns and various parts of all extensive grounds; and even in the small back yards of the city home.

The most common form of the average rockery is simply a circular bed outlined with showy specimens of mica-dotted stones, and filled in with rich soil in which the plants are bedded, with perhaps a second row of the rocks to give additional height. But aside from these regular forms of rockeries many curious combinations are now found on city, suburban and country grounds. There are rockeries in which an artistically arranged foundation of stones is used to support a flower vase; and the vines and trailing plants drooping from the vase take root and flourish in the crevices of the stones below. There are rockeries for potted plants, rockeries for running roses—an especially attractive novelty when covered with the white trailing rose so popular this year—cactus rockeries, begonia rockeries, and rockeries of every possible form for both sunny and shady spots. One of the most curious of this year's novelties is the rockery that is now attracting attention down on the Wissahickon, Philadelphia, in front of historic old Valley Green hotel, which resembles a volcanic eruption bedded with ferns. On Philadelphia and Germantown lawns are found great mounds with pots of hydrangeas and trailers set among the rocks forming a novel combination, (see illustration on page two) and throughout the country are other curious types.

Phebe W. Humphreys.

PLEROMA SPLENDENS.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Pleroma Splendens, or Tibouchina, is one of the handsomest window plants in cultivation, and it is to be regretted that so many flower lovers fail to include it in their lists when making a selection. More regrettable still are the many failures complained of by amateurs who have tried it, especially when the plant itself is innocent of all fault. Cared for with an intelligent knowledge of its requirements, it is easy to coax into growth and bloom like a geranium.

The rare color of its beautiful, large, purplish-blue blossoms makes it eminently desirable in the window garden. The petals open flat and the texture of both flower and foliage is very rich and

spring it should be in a six or seven-inch pot, and in this it may be left to grow all summer. Good drainage must be insured, and the plant must never be allowed to suffer for water. Give plenty of sunshine but not too much heat, and keep the air as moist as possible. The beautiful leaves should never be wet when the sun shines on them.

When summer comes the plant may be plunged in its pot in a sheltered part of the garden, or it may be grown on the veranda or porch. It should always be taken into the house in the early fall, before it is time to shut the windows and make fires, as if brought at once into the dry heat the buds will all drop. The first of September is not too early to bring it in, it then having abundant time to become acclimated before the fresh air is entirely excluded. In October and November it will bloom beautifully, and richly repay one for all the care bestowed upon it. The satisfaction one then feels in its possession is something very delightful.

When the plant stops blooming and begins to drop its leaves, it is merely an indication that it requires complete rest. Relocate it to the cellar for a few months, and give only enough water from time to time to keep it from drying out. In the spring repot it and place it again in the window. Slips are quite easily grown. Plant one in light soil in a small pot and cover with a glass. Stand the pot in the sunshine and water from the saucer with hot water, as often as necessary to keep the soil from drying out. Two years ago an energetic little woman who was anxious to make some pin money, procured a number of healthy young Pleroma plants. She gave them good care all winter and petted them through the summer. In the fall when they began to bloom she placed them in her

grocer's window, and they were very quickly disposed of at forty and fifty cents each. She could easily have had a higher price had she asked it. This year she is cultivating these plants on a much larger scale, and laughingly declares that with her profits she intends to build a small greenhouse and in the very near future another woman florist will be added to the rapidly growing list.

Mary Foster Snider.

Gone hath the spring with all its flowers,
And gone the summer's pomp and show,
And Autumn, in his leafless bower,
Is waiting for the Winter's snow.

—Whittier.



ROCKERY RESEMBLING A VOLCANIC ERUPTION BEDDED WITH FERNS.

velvety. The leaves indeed are so extremely handsome that if the plant never bloomed it would yet be universally admired.

In cultivating Pleroma Splendens one must bear in mind that like the Chrysanthemum it is strictly an autumn bloomer, and cultivate it with this end only in view. This means generous treatment and luxuriant growth throughout the summer, as the finer the plant the more profusely it will bloom. As said before its treatment is quite simple. Buy a young plant in the fall, pot it in rather light, rich soil, and repot it through the winter whenever the pot gets full of roots. By



HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

The hardy Chrysanthemums were quite popular in old-fashioned gardens and door yards, and their possessors were proud of them. They were usually called Artemisias and in color were mostly of a pinkish-lavender tint, though some white ones were occasionally seen. The blossoms were not very large and often they were only semi-double. The plants were generally taken up in the fall and removed to the house, where they would bloom for several weeks, and were quite depended upon for furnishing decorations for festivities or the sad occurrence of funerals.

The large-flowered, many-colored Chrysanthemums of the present day have almost banished the more modest members of the family from the gardens, and even from the recollections of many, but occasionally one sees them around old-fashioned homesteads whose occupants still love and cherish them, and where they fit in most appropriately with their surroundings.

Why the hardy Chrysanthemums should have so nearly vanished from the gardens is not easy to understand. They are very easily cultivated, flourishing with no particular care or attention, and often under adverse conditions. They are among the most desirable of late-flowering plants, coming into bloom after the fall Anemones and lasting until severe cold weather. They brighten up the garden or the hardy border wonderfully in the dreary November days, beautifying them when they would be almost destitute of attraction, and I have even dug fresh blossoms out from under the snow.

As cut flowers they will last for weeks, if kept in a cool room. One lady who is unusually successful in their cultivation and has quite a collection of different colors, always remembers her friends with beautiful bouquets on Thanksgiving day.

Some florists still offer the hardy Chrysanthemums for sale, and a much greater

variety of colors can now be secured than formerly. Named varieties in yellow, pink, lavender, red, and white, including medium and large-flowered sorts, can be obtained, and are well worth cultivating. The blossoms are not as large and showy as those which are so temptingly displayed in the florists' windows, but many of the newer varieties are of good size and beautiful colors. The yellow ones, particularly, are very bright and pretty and a clump of them makes a beautiful glow of color in the garden in the late fall days. The clumps increase in size quite rapidly, and in a year or two the possessors can be generous of the blossoms without destroying the beauty of the plants.

Florence Beckwith.

NOVEMBER.

That beautiful season!
* * * The Summer of All Saints!
Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light;
While arrayed in robes of russet and scarlet and yellow,
Bright with the sheen of the dew, each glittering tree of the forest
Flashed like the plane tree the Persian adorned with mantles
and jewels.
Longfellow.

COLCHICUMS.

These hardy little flowers are not appreciated as they should be. Everything which prolongs the blossoming season and tends to adorn the garden in autumn, should be welcomed by all flower lovers. The Colchicum most emphatically come under this head. Once planted they never fail to present themselves, and their tender but cheerful coloring is very attractive. Much is said of the desirability of planting the Crocus to brighten the garden and the lawn in the early spring days, but the Colchicum is equally desirable for the fall garden. They are perfectly hardy and once introduced can be depended upon for a fine showing year after year, through all vicissitudes of fortune and even utter lack of care.

One pretty garden, of which the owner was proud, had a bed of these flowers. Now, after fifteen or sixteen years, all that remain to tell the tale that a garden once flourished there are the persistent Colchicums and a clump of Yucca, growing in grass, in the hardest of soil.

In another garden some Colchicum bulbs were taken up to be placed in a new location. It was supposed at the time that all were removed, but small ones must have been left in the ground which later was set out to raspberries. The Colchicums, however, did not propose to yield their right of previous possession, and now they are blooming profusely all around in the grass among the berry bushes. The pinkish-lavender

and pure white flowers make a beautiful show and they seem to blossom earlier and more profusely than those in the garden beds, and the flower stems are longer than the ordinary ones.

Colchicums make a very effective display when grown in masses, but they can be recommended for growing in grass if it is not often mown. When once established they should not be disturbed for years, unless necessary, or unless the flowers show signs of deterioration.

The manner of growth of the Colchicum and the way in which the seed is produced are very peculiar. In September the buds appear and the flowers are soon in bloom without a green leaf to protect them from the winds and storms of autumn, which they so bravely face and from which they never seem to suffer harm.

In October the blossoms die down, leaving no trace of the plant. There would be no time for seed to ripen, and, by a curious provision of nature, these are buried all winter within the bulb. In spring a fruit stalk with lily-like leaves appears. This makes a rapid growth and the seeds ripen about the first of June, after which the plant again dies down, to be resurrected in September.

In form the blossoms are like the Crocus; in color they vary; some are white, some a pale rosy pink or pinkish lavender, and others are curiously tessellated or checkered lilac-purple and white. Each bulb will produce a number of flowers, often six or eight in succession. The bulbs are so determined to blossom, that if taken up just before blooming and placed in pots, or baskets of moss, they will go on flowering as if nothing unusual had occurred, and will even produce flowers if the bulbs are not planted at all. The single varieties are more commonly cultivated, but there are very pretty double forms.

Four years ago a bulb was planted in the grass close to a house. The first year the blossoms were single; the next year they were double. Last year the blossoms came very late; they were double and at first of the usual pinkish-lavender color; after a while some of the flowers were partly white and at last a perfectly pure white blossom was produced. This was late in November. Whether the cold weather had an effect on the color of the blossoms is an unsettled question. At present writing, though other Colchicums are in bloom, this plant has just appeared above the ground and we are waiting with interest its development, wondering whether the flowers will be single or double, pink or white.

If you could see a profusion of the Colchicums growing in the grass, like those of which I have written, I am sure you would straightway invest in a quantity of the bulbs and plant them in that way.

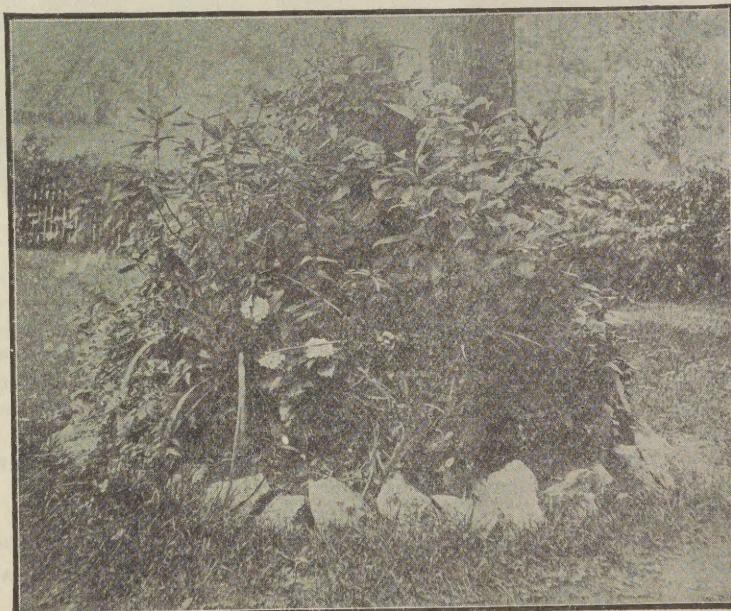
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Blue-Fringed Gentian.

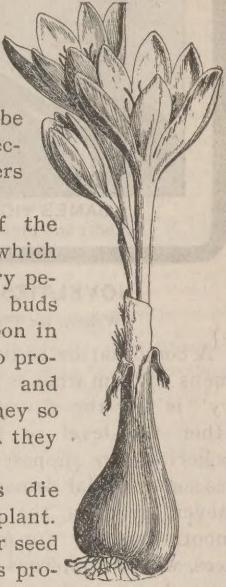
Thou waitest late, and comest alone
When woods are bare and birds are flown,
And frosts and shortening days portend
The aged year is near his end.

Then doth thy sweet and quiet eye
Look through its fringes to the sky,
Blue, blue, as if that sky let fall
A flower from its cerulean wall.

William Cullen Bryant.



A ROCKERY OF POTTED HYDRANGEAS AND TRAILERS.



FOUR GOOD PALMS FOR HOUSE CULTURE.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Latania Borbonica or *Livistonia Chinensis*, the Chinese Fan Palm, is the typical palm, acknowledged hardy leader of the class. It is handsome in broad palmate leaves. *Cocos Weddeliana* is the most admired of all the pinnate leaved palms. It is of dwarfish growth with arching fronds, feathery, light and graceful. For chancels, windows, tables or interior decorations this is the palm preferred above all others. The delicate fronds have a tendency to curl and turn brown at the ends, but it is clearly traceable to direct exposure to the sun. Too near the glass of the conservatory, or too much exposed to the heat of apartments, the fronds will curl, but if this point is carefully guarded against, no decorative plant exceeds *Cocos Weddeliana*. It is not subject to diseases, but rather more sensitive to heat than other palms.

Areca Lutescens, the Ostrich Feather Palm, is ideal in pinnate, fern-like fronds. It was the favorite of Hooker, the botanist and palm specialist. It sends up two and three crowns from one root, which gives it the advantage over all other palms. *Seaforthia Elegans* is the most rapid in growth of all palms, and is classic in the form and fashion of the arching fronds.

These palms are well adapted to house culture. They are easily managed by amateurs. The most ordinary accommodations suit them, if in good condition when brought indoors, and the general rules of palm culture consistently applied; for be it remembered that palms have only to preserve their rich green foliage, not like blooming plants that must have heat and moisture sufficient for growth and also to force the flowers. The requirements of palms are the same, in the main. All of the class send down long roots, therefore, deep pots or tubs are necessary. The roots spread very little, so wide mouthed pots are not so necessary as deep ones.

Palms must have rich potting soil. The concentrated commercial fertilizers, one of several as good as the other, should be mixed through ordinarily good garden soil, and the fertility kept up by applications every month or two, worked in, from the top soil down. The rich warm soil must be well drained. Stagnant moisture is sure death to the palm. Cleanliness of the foliage is absolutely necessary. Dust collected on the upper surface of the leaves is injurious to the health and also impairs the rich green hue of all palms. When they have a dull, rusty look, it is a good plan to take hold of the pot and turning it upside down, submerge the palm in soft, soapy water, dipping it up and down, and turning it around and about until the bath has been effectual. It will freshen

up a palm as well as a copious spring rain.

Palms are not exempt from scale, thrip and a worm with a scaly yellow coat; and not infrequently spiders weave their webs from frond to frond, so that frequent sponging and spraying are required. Insecticides, to be effectual, must be applied on the under side of the leaves, as well as the upper, all along the mid-rib where the scale clings with tenacity.

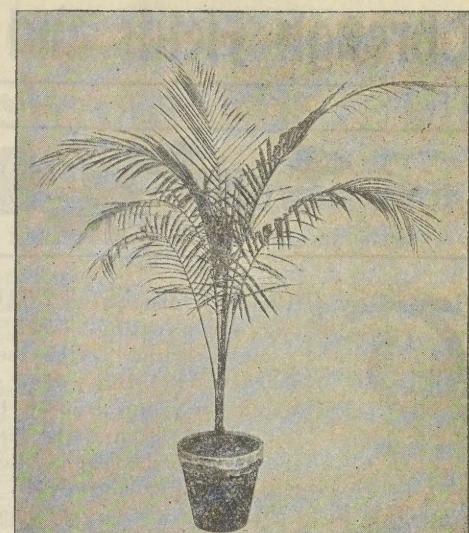
Palms do not require much coddling. They prefer an even rather than very high temperature, but are fastidious regarding free ventilation and exacting as to exquisite cleanliness of the foliage.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

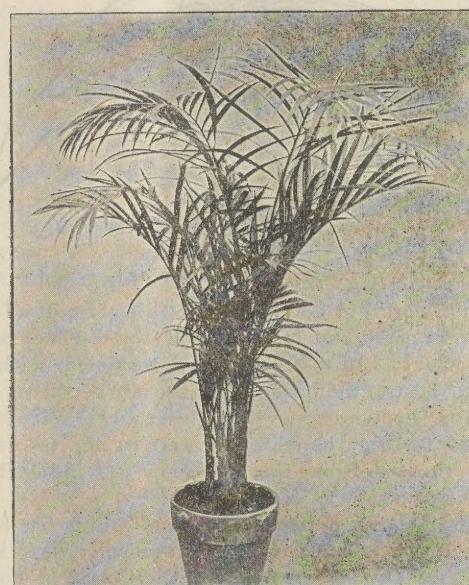
HINTS ON DRAINAGE.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Many of us use tin receptacles for our plants, with charcoal for drainage. Charcoal is excellent, but from experience I find one must be careful else the nail holes will become filled with soil so the water can not escape freely. Use rather large pieces for the bottom layer, and on top of the charcoal place a layer of moss, or else use some fine gravel; this will prevent the soil sifting or washing through the charcoal and stopping the



COCOS WEDDELIANA.



ARECA LUTESCENS.

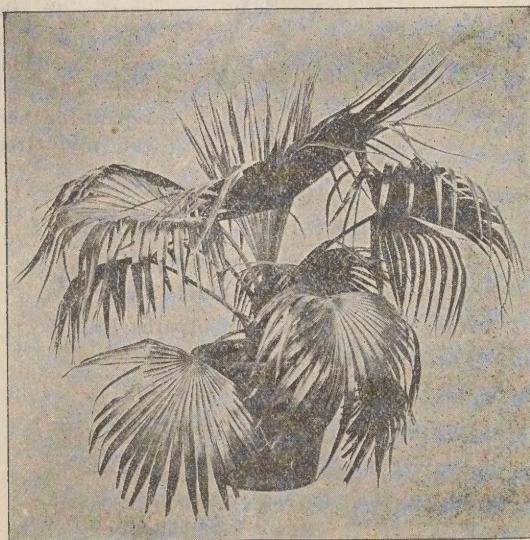
drainage holes. Pieces of lime mortar among the charcoal will help to keep worms out of the soil. The lime in the mortar seems to be quite beneficial.

Emma Clearwaters.

NOTES FROM THE FLOWER GARDEN.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

I may have mentioned the tamarisk, *Tamarix Africana*, already, but I am going to do so again. I shall perhaps become a tamarisk crank. Certainly it is a beautiful shrub which cares nothing for frost. It is now October 30, and we have had plenty of freezes which have had no more effect on it than on the pines and firs. Still it is deciduous and the lowest or oldest foliage is turning yellow and falling; the ground under the shrub is covered with twigs and leaves, like needles beneath a pine. The main stems are a rich red brown in color but after the foliage is fallen are more like a rat's tail in form, if a rat's tail could be so slender and long. My young plant made shoots six feet long, keeping on growing till near the first of October. The leaves are quite small, and if looked at through a magnifying lens a series of overlapping scales may be seen, each one growing out of the one next below, the twig itself not being visible at all until it has made more growth.



LATANIA BORBONICA.

The increase in length finally draws the scales apart and the smooth, dark red bark comes in sight. Then the leaf scales fade to a straw color. All twigs that remain green are cast off in the fall; some sprays six inches long are falling. The general effect is a mist of green enveloping the long, upright, tapering shoots which terminate at last in a green, erect twig no bigger than a thread. Eight feet high they say. But six feet the first year gives faith in a greater altitude, perhaps twelve or more in time. Aside from the decorative quality of the tamarisk, it is vastly interesting to me to thus reproduce the copsewood of Central Asia and Japan.

A lady told me that if one saves and sows his own verbena seed, it will run out in a year or two, most of the flowers becoming a dull purple or lilac. I believe the wild verbenas, natives of America, are mostly or all of this color, so those of this tint having more vigor may outbreed the scarlets, pinks, or white ones. But perhaps there is nothing in this idea. However it may be, there is no doubt of the frost and drought resisting quality of the verbena. In the fall of 1898 I dried a low spot in the yard by filling it eight inches or more with small stones. Then I brought hard, yellow clay from a roadside cutting and covered the stone and so it remained till spring when I covered the clay with an inch or two of barn yard dirt intending to grass it over. But coming home from work one day I found my wife had set verbena plants on it. "They won't grow," said I, "unless it rains all the time." "Maybe it will rain a good deal," she replied; "if not, I can water them." But the drought grew worse and they didn't get watered enough to amount to much. In September rain enough fell to start the grass of the meadows and the oats scattered on the oat fields, and a little sprinkle now and then as the season went on kept things going, but the ground was still dry until November. The verbenas struggled along, blooming some before the rain, but after it they soon covered the ground and produced a mass of flowers for a long time. Frost after frost came, but they cared nothing for them, they were fresh and bright as ever up to November 2, when a heavy freeze demoralized them somewhat, and their day was about over. Would any writer have dared to promise a single flower under such conditions? I am sure I wouldn't. Their roots may have reached the soil below the stones, but even this must have been dry.

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E. S. Gilbert.

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Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



GHE November winds have a way of whistling down the chimney which often seems melancholy. But then, the March winds are equally boisterous, and often sigh desperately, and who ever called a March wind melancholy? It is only a matter of idea after all and largely dependent on our imaginations. To prove that Nature scatters her favors through all the months let us seek some favored spot and see what she has in reserve for us. Not every section of the country is equally blessed, but either one or the other of November's favorites may be found by those who seek.

The loveliest deserves first mention, and who that has seen the Fringed Gentian, can forget the experience?

"Blue thou art, intensely blue!
Flower! whence came thy dazzling hue?
When I opened first mine eye,
Upward glancing to the sky,
Straightway from the firmament
Was the sapphire brilliant sent."

On a sparkling day, or when Dame Nature in a milder mood sends us a few choice reminders of days gone by,—we call them Indian summer,—then should one sally out to see what can be found when trees are bare and tenderer flowers gone. The Fringed Gentian selects as a home a moist spot in a meadow perhaps or on the wood's edge, seldom in the woods themselves. From the Atlantic to beyond the Mississippi, and from Canada to the Gulf, this choice blossom finds its home, and by its own methods survives from year to year. Like so many other blossoms it is peculiarly sensitive to sunlight, refusing to unfold its delicately fringed petals on a cloudy day. This refusal to reveal its beauty on a sunless day is not without reason, for the curled petals cover the pollen and keep it dry from possible showers. If I were asked what caused the entire extinction of this plant in certain localities, notably in Maine where it was very abundant, I should say the visitors. They pluck the blossoms remorselessly, and not content with this, often dig up the roots to take home and transplant. That the roots never "take" and grow causes no discouragement, they try it again the next time a gentian meets their eye. The life history of the gentian is an interesting one. It is an annual, and perpetuated only by its seeds, which is an excellent reason why the roots do not "come up" after transplanting. The seeds are hairy scales, and if a strong wind shakes the plants immediately they are ripe, the spot where bloomed a bed of them this year may be barren next, only those which fall on moist ground germinating. Like the milkweeds these flowers do not fertilize themselves, but require those insects which come to sup their sweets to do it for them. Stamens and pistil do not ripen on the same flower at the same time, but after the stamens have ripened and withered the pistil grows up, requiring pollen from freshly opened flowers, which is brought to it by the ubiquitous bee. Blue is the least prodigal color in nature. There are fewer birds with blue plumage, fewer blue

flowers and insects, than of any other color. Yet with insects it is a favorite color, particularly with bees, and Sir John Lubbock made most interesting experiments to show that they sought this color in preference to any other. By November the bees are sluggish; if the weather has been unduly cold they are less active, and need some special incentive to draw them to the flowers and make them perform their necessary labor. Do you see why the Gentian is blue?

This unusual summer has been hard on the bees; less nectar has been generated and the supply of honey made, less than usual. The drones, who



CLOSED GENTIAN AND BEE.

do not work did not appreciate this state of affairs and proposed to live on the stored honey as is customary. In this case they reckoned without their hosts, the hosts being the worker bees, and during September even, when there were still sweets to be gathered, they were stung to death and thrown from the hives by the industrious workers.

Beside the Fringed Gentian, which has been sung by poets and painted with more or less success by many artists, there is the Closed or Bottle Gentian, far less beautiful in color and shape than its cousin, the Fringed. In one way, however, it is more satisfactory for it is perennial, and we may have the pleasure of finding it year after year in its accustomed haunts, even though it sends abroad far and wide its winged seeds to ornament new spots with its bright color.

You would never think that even the prying bee with his faculty for getting into every sort of place where pollen or nectar is stored, could intrude into the tightly closed storehouse of the Bottle Gentian. Yet he can and does, with much pushing and crowding, it is true, and bearing enough pollen on his furry back from one flower to another to keep the species going.

What is known as "gentian-root," and often in demand for a spring tonic is not the root of either the Fringed, or Soapwort, or closed gentian, but of the *Gentiana lutea* a tall handsome plant, common in central and southern Europe. The name Gentian is said to have come from the Illyrian King Gentius who was the first to discover the medicinal qualities.

The second plant I look for in November also has its beneficent uses. It is the *Hamamelis* or witch hazel. To begin with the name, it tells the story of the plant; Hama—together with, mela—fruit. Last year's fruit and this year's flowers growing side by side. The flowers are small and quite insignificant. We should hardly notice

them at all if braver blooms were to be found, but the pale yellow flowers of thread-like fringe seem doubly dear on twigs from which the leaves have fallen. The flowers have no odor, and while we are looking at their fragile nature our attention is attracted to a stout little box-like affair on the same branch. Sometimes these burst before your eyes, and out pop two black shining seeds with white eyes, and almost as hard as the seeds of Canna or Indian shot. More often, however, the spring does not shoot out the seed, but just bursts open the box and leaves the seeds within, looking for all the world like an infant's first teeth, the little white tips on the seeds being about that size and shape.

Our witch hazel, named after its English cousin which it somewhat resembles, has often been used as a divining-rod. Water and precious metals are said to come within its power to locate, and wells are pointed out in unlikely regions which their owners claim were indicated by the bending of the hazel rod. The English hazel has for years been famous for its supposed powers, and there is hardly a country so poor but that it has at least one legend of its own connected with this bush.

My note-books are by no means bare records of the birds for this month. The robins, few and far between, may still be seen, the song sparrow sometimes is warmed into giving a little song, and the winter chippy hops about quite happily. The chick-a-dee, some hawks, a shrike or two and our constant friends, the crows, with one or two woodpeckers make quite a varied assortment of feathers, and keep our minds alert for a possible chance visitor. All the best finds among the birds are accidental. You turn your head and there sits some unknown or rare creature, which but for this accidental impulse you had missed. Many of my best discoveries have been made when with discouraged mind I had turned from what appeared silent and deserted woods toward home. I well remember my first sight of a rose-breasted Grosbeak, though it happened some years ago. All the morning I had sat patiently waiting for something to turn up. The mosquitoes were fierce, the day was sultry and after three entirely birdless hours, I gave up in disgust and started home. I had gone hardly a dozen steps when I heard a rustle in the trees and looked up. My long wait was well repaid for there sat my Grosbeak.



WITCH HAZEL

WHITTIER'S HAZEL BLOSSOMS.

The summer warmth has left the sky,
The summer songs have died away;
And, withered, in the footpaths lie
The fallen leaves but yesterday
With ruby and with topaz gay.

Yet through the gray and sombre wood,
Against the dusk of fir and pine,
Last of their floral sisterhood,
The Hazel's yellow blossoms shine,
The tawny gold of Afric's mine.

The Cousin

BY W. R. ROSE.



It was a slow train but Dunham Greer was in no hurry. He took out the young pastor's letter and read it through once more.

"I quite forgot to mention to you," the pastor wrote, "that there is a cousin to whom you may lay claim at Amesbury. It is quite possible that you never heard of her. She is the granddaughter of your grandfather's elder brother, and I leave you to figure out about her relationship to the Greer who was your grandfather."

Then I found out about her relationship to the Greer who was your grandfather. Her name is Almira Greer, but don't worry over the suggestion the name may convey. She is not an old maid. On the contrary, she is young and blooming, and a delightful talker. I spoke of her today to the lady I have mentioned, and she told me that Miss Almira was teaching school at Amesbury, a thriving village not far from Warren. I understood you were on the lookout for relatives — why not make the acquaintance of Cousin Almira? I am positive it would be mutually agreeable."

Dunham folded the letter and slipped it back into his pocket. Then he looked up and caught the eye of the conductor.

"This is Amesbury," said the official.

Dunham tossed his overcoat over his arm and picking up his light satchel, stepped to the platform.

It was quite early, for Dunham had taken the first morning train. But there were a number of the villagers at the station, and all of them stared curiously at the neat young man who was the only passenger to alight from the parlor car.

Dunham paused and looked about him.

"Carriage for the Neosho House, sir?"

Dunham shook his head at the hotel runner. He would make some inquiries at the station before leaving. A gray bearded man with a blue cap turned away from the conductor as the train pulled out. Dunham halted him.

"Just a little information, please," he said.

"Well?" said the graybeard. "It's my first visit here," said Dunham, "and I am looking for a cousin who removed here not long ago. I usually find that the station master is a mine of information in towns where that luxury, the city directory, has not penetrated. May I

ask if you can direct me to the home of Miss Almira Greer, who is, I am told, connected with one of your schools?"

"Of course I can," said the gray bearded man. "Why, bless my soul, she was here not a minute ago. Came down to see Miss Hudson off on No. 23. Why, there she goes now. See? That slim young woman in the gray dress. That's Miss Allie. You can easily catch her."

"Thank you," said Dunham, and started briskly up the board walk that led along the main street. He was a fast walker and soon was within short hailing distance of the slim young woman.

"Miss Greer," he called. And suddenly smiled at the start it gave him to hear the sound of his own name.

The young woman stopped and looked around. She was a handsome girl, with a clear blonde complexion and very pleasant eyes. The pleasant eyes looked at the strange young man inquiringly.

"You must excuse me if I don't shake hands with you just yet," said Dunham with his brightest smile.

The pleasant eyes opened a little wider.

"I beg your pardon," said the young lady, "but I think there is some mistake."

"Not at all," said Dunham. "I simply realize my position. Of course you can't be expected to accept me on my own recommendation. And I see there is another thing to consider. The family resemblance isn't strong enough to be used as proof."

The girl hesitated.

"I have no idea what you are talking about," she said a little coldly. "And I am quite sure I haven't the honor of your acquaintance."

She turned to resume her walk, and Dunham promptly stepped beside her.

"What you say is very true," he said, "more's the pity. We should have known each other long ago. And yet I feel that if I had met you on the street I never would have realized you were a Greer."

"Sir," said the young woman, "can't you understand that you are annoying me?"

"Of course I can," said Dunham, "but you musn't forget the circumstances. There is nobody here who can vouch for me, and I have done my best to introduce myself. I fully realize the gravity of the case. You see I haven't even a strawberry mark to help me out. And then, you know you are not a bit like the Greers I have met. I've only met two, how-

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ever—that is, of our stock. You are so much better looking than either of them!"

"Sir!" said the young woman. But somehow the roguish twinkle in Dunham's eyes quite took the indignation out of the monosyllable. There certainly was something decidedly pleasant about this young man in spite of his remarkable assurance.

"I might as well let you know the worst," said Dunham, "and stand back and watch the effect. I am Dunham Greer."

"And who is Dunham Greer?"

"Crushed," said Dunham. He laughed lightly. "This is a bad beginning," he said. "It is evident that the voice of nature has failed. I must introduce more practical proof." He opened the letter from Pastor Arthur Giddings. "Read that, please," he said.

She hesitated a moment. Then she read the letter through. A blush deepened in her cheeks.

"Then you are my cousin," she said, and suddenly gave him her hand.

"Yes, Cousin Allie," said Dunham.

"Even a cousin, and a second cousin at that, seems like a luxury," said the girl. "I have no brothers and no sisters."

"Neither have I," said Dunham. "Let's shake hands again. And I want to say to you right now," he laughingly added, "that you are just the sort of cousin I hoped to meet."

"Thank you," smiled the girl.

"You like flattery?"

"Very much," replied Dunham.

"Then I will not flatter you," laughed the girl.

"Very well," said Dunham. "Your reticence will have no effect on (Continued on page twenty-six.)



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH



WINTER PROTECTION FOR PLANTS.

It is not a good idea to allow choice outdoor plants to go unprotected during the winter, even if the specimens are quite hardy. Protection, if properly applied, cannot fail to benefit all plants, and where the specimens are only semi-hardy it will tide them safely over the cold months and leave them in good condition in the spring. The work of protection should not be begun too early; usually the last of November is soon enough. The leaves, straw, boards, and boxes should be collected early in the fall, however, and everything made ready to begin the work at the first opportunity. Wait until the ground is frozen before applying the leaves, etc. It is successive freezing and thawing that works havoc among outdoor plants, and if the material for protection is put on while the soil is in a frozen state, the frost will remain in the ground and the roots will winter in good condition.

The branches need the early fall frosts to toughen and ripen them, and protection should never be applied when the wood is green. Instead of harming certain plants, a touch of frost will prepare them for what is to follow. If you have a choice rosebush or other plant that is growing by itself, take a box that will set down over it comfortably, first removing the bottom, and bank enough soil up on the outside to hold it firmly in place. This may be done at any time during the fall. When it comes time to put the leaves in, draw up a quantity of soil around the roots or provide a thick mulch of manure. The leaves should be moderately thick, but not packed so closely among the branches as to interfere with the circulation of light and air. The lower part of the plant should receive the most attention; if the leaves settle and the upper branches are killed it will not matter, for they may be pruned away in the spring and the plant will be better for it.

Small barrels may be placed over certain shrubs and plants instead of boxes if one wishes, but whatever you use be sure to provide it with a roof which will shed rain and keep the leaves dry. If the box is filled with snow all winter the leaves will soon become unfit for the purpose intended, and the plant will be in as much if not more danger of dying as it would if no protection had been given. Therefore, provide a top of boards and let them project out over each side; also let them slant toward the northwest, if the worst storms come from that way. They may be made to slant by having one side of the box higher than the one running parallel and a large stone placed upon them will prevent them from blowing away.

It would be a mistake to leave no place for the admission of air and light, for a certain per cent of these elements is necessary for the welfare of a shrub, even if it is not in an active state of growth; therefore do not stop up every crack, but rather leave a place or two near the top where the air can get in. Small roses may be protected by driving a certain number of thin, wide boards, like shingles, around them, filling in among the branches with leaves, after applying a mulch of manure, and placing an inverted tin pan over the top, to ward off the rain. The shingles—if they are used—may be driven slanting-wise into the ground. They should not be near enough to the roots to cut into them, and it would be a good idea to bank a little soil around them on the outside. Such vines as clematis paniculata may be taken down on their support and laid away in a box placed over them between layers of dry leaves.

Provide a roof else your labor will be wasted. If you have climbing roses that you wish to protect gather the canes together, tie a certain amount of straw around them and encase in burlap. If they are directly under the eaves arrange a board so as to prevent the water from settling on them and freezing.

Half hardy roses in beds will generally pass the winter in safety if a board frame is built around them and filled with leaves. One side should, of course, be higher than the one running parallel, and a covering of boards should be provided to keep out the snow. If the plants are taller than you care to build the frame, trim them back or bend them gently over, holding them to the ground by a clod of earth. Provide a thick mulch of manure, pretty much all over the bed and fill in the leaves comfortably thick, but do not crowd the frame full. If the plants die, it will be more consoling to know that they did so from freezing, than to entertain the suspicion that you smothered them to death.

Roses in sheltered localities, as on the east side



CHRYSANTHEMUMS

of a building, will be more apt to winter satisfactorily than those planted where a blizzard rages over them one week and the sun shines on them the next. It is better to have them covered with snow all winter than partially exposed for weeks at a time. Beds in which pansies, Marguerite carnations, dianthus pinks and similar plants are growing may also be encased in a low board frame and covered with leaves. If the specimens are choice it is better to do this way than to stand the chance of loosing them. A top of canvas or boards should be provided, but at either end of the frame a place should be left for the admission of air.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS.

Roses that have been growing in plunged pots should be taken into the house—choose a cool, fireless room at first—and sorted over. Those that you care to use in the greenhouse should be

given a liberal top dressing of rich barnyard soil and probably trimmed back somewhat. The others may be carried down cellar. I would not try to do anything with them in the window garden. Geraniums, lantanas, fuchsias, heliotropes and similar plants that have blossomed all summer in their pots should also be taken into the cellar, when the weather makes it advisable to do so.

They should be kept in a cool living room as long as possible, however, so that the shock may not be too great. Do not hustle them down cellar as soon as brought in from the garden. Throughout the winter the plants should be given just enough water to prevent the soil from drying out entirely. They should not be encouraged into growth until February or March. Keep them dormant and they will be all the better for it. A light cellar is not necessary—in fact, the plants will not winter so well in such a place as a dark one—but it should be frost proof, cool and airy. Before winter blooming house plants are put in their permanent home in the window garden, go over the place thoroughly and see if it cannot be made more congenial, remembering that in order to have your plants do their best by you, you must do your best by the plants. Perhaps the putty has fallen away from the outside of the glass; if so, replace it, for frost and cold air can creep in through a very small crevice, and when the February blizzards come along you will wish you had taken a few stitches in time to save the plants. Broken or cracked panes should be substituted by new ones or thoroughly mended—the former course always the most desirable. By passing your hand slowly over the woodwork of the window you may be surprised to come in contact with many a small current of cold air; and every crevice should be securely stopped, especially those around the sashes.

No ordinary window should contain more than two shelves—one at the bottom and one half way up. Plant brackets, however, may be placed between the two, and perhaps above the first shelf, thus accommodating a few more plants than could be found room for without them. Never crowd your plants, even though you have many fine specimens. You cannot give them all favored positions, and they will prove anything but satisfactory if huddled together in a tight row. Generally, each shelf cannot accommodate more than six reasonably thrifty plants, and the six that are accommodated should have enough room to display themselves to advantage. Make allowances for the bulbs that will be brought up from the cellar in a few weeks, and remember that it isn't how many plants you grow, but how well you grow what you do grow, that counts.

This is the month of chrysanthemums and you should keep the plants well fed. They are hearty eaters and drinkers and their food should be rich and nutritious, especially while they are unfolding their lovely flowers. Give them liquid manure about every third day. Pour on what you think is enough, then give a little more. In this way you will satisfy them with water as well as food. If, through the early fall, you have been careful to look for insect pests, you will probably not find many now, but if any should be discovered promptly begin war. Should palms and similar plants require a top dressing of rich soil be sure to apply it before the ground freezes; or perhaps you have a box of prepared soil on hand. Have the soil at

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**The Children's Flower Show
In 1902.**

The third Flower Show of the pupils of the public schools of Rochester, N. Y., was held on September 11, under the auspices of the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union.

If there had been doubts in the minds of some whether the movement for interesting children in the cultivation of flowers was more than a passing fancy, a fad of the hour, such doubts must certainly have been banished by a visit to the Flower Show.

The spacious room kindly tendered by the Mechanics Institute last year was again offered, and again it was filled to overflowing with the contributions of the children.

Prizes had been offered for the best display of Asters, Calliopsis, Dianthus, Marigolds, Nasturtiums, Petunias, Phlox Drummondii, Bachelor's Buttons, Zinnias, Candytuft,

millionaire in the beauty and fragrance of their flowers.

The morning of the exhibition the street was full of proud and happy children bringing in their flowers. Our illustration shows one shy little girl with her contribution. Four tables, each nearly forty feet long, were devoted to the children's flowers. The displays from the school grounds were on tables at the side, and also the vegetables. The exhibits of the latter were not as numerous as they should have been, but the quality was all right if the quantity was not large.

The first prize for the best display of vegetables was awarded to a young girl who had been taught gardening in Germany, where it is considered a very important part of the education of children.

Flowers for decoration of the room were contributed by prominent florists and nurserymen and a fine display was made from Highland Park. The decorations were very effective and added much to the beauty of the scene.

The prizes were contributed by business firms of the city, and by members of the Woman's Union. A greater number were contributed than ever before, showing that the citizens in general are becoming more interested in the work and approve of its aim. The prizes were varied, and all were calculated to bring pleasure to those so fortunate as to win them.

There was a noticeable improvement in the arrangement of the flowers in bouquets. The children are evidently beginning to realize that a little mixture of green sets off the flowers and gives an artistic effect which a solid bunch of blossoms never has. Most of the specimens of cut flowers were better than in previous years, and there were more entries.

Mr. John Spencer, of Cornell University, the head of the Junior Naturalist Clubs, was present and received a most enthusiastic reception from the children. They all seemed to know "Uncle John." May his good work among them long continue.

The delight of the prize-winners was pleasant to witness, and the enthusiasm of some of the contestants has certainly not waned. One boy who obtained one prize in 1900 and two in 1901, won two first prizes this year, and his little sister has started in the right path and also won a first prize.

The results of the efforts of the Woman's Union to interest the school children in the cultivation of flowers were certainly encouraging, as shown at the Flower Show. Of the deeper influence on the lives of the children there may be no outward and tangible manifestations as yet, but no one can doubt that good will come of all such endeavors.

Florence Beckwith.



Mignonette, Scabiosa. Entries were made under each and first, second, and third prizes awarded. In addition to these, prizes were awarded for the finest display of cut flowers, for plants in boxes or pots, for best arranged bouquets, and also for vegetables. Prizes were also offered for exhibitions of flowers grown in school yards and for improvement of school grounds.

As last year, the seeds were furnished at such a very low price by James Vicks' Sons, that no child was debarred from the contest, and again the results showed that with proper care the gardens and back yards of the humblest may vie with those of the

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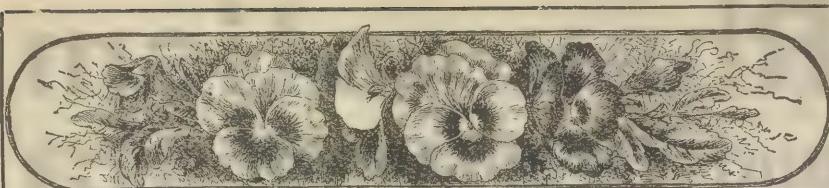
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THE MOTHER'S MEETING

By Victoria Wellman

"God could not be everywhere—so He made Mothers."

One Day at a Time.

We carry too often the burden that ne'er Was meant for this day, nor the next day to bear; How often we borrow the ills we deplore, And shrink from the woes that ne'er darken our door!

Such worry's a sin; let's be done with the crime, By living one day, just one day at a time.

Then let the tomorrow's stand waiting, I say, And deal with each one when its name is today. The best preparation the future can ask Is doing one's best with today and its task.

Life's highest and best, that's the peak we must climb

By faithfulest footsteps one day at a time.

Selected.

The Young Mother.

Perhaps the first practical idea which arises out of the confusion of new thoughts, fears, and singular sensations (which are the common experience of all mothers) is that relating to dress—firstly that of the newcomer; secondly her own. The revelation may have come as a shock and may soon be received with a humble resignation, or, taken as a calamity, may be constantly warred against, either in ignorance that the result of this pre-natal tumult will harm the child's mind or else in wild, unreasoning defiance.

Expectant motherhood should predispose average, normal women to better thoughts, to an inner conviction of God's care and pity, and a

sense of unselfish love never before imagined. When it causes—as I have seen and known it to do, alas!—poor, misery-crazed women to think of suicide, to grieve and bewail the tragedy which is coming and to forget those lovely old-time women who loved to follow God's will and whose children have blessed the world. Such women are lost to every logical thought, every lovely feeling, ah! what are they losing by this course!

All the sweet expectations; all the strong power to will goodness into that unformed mind; all self-control of nerves and as a result an irritable, or bad tempered, or weak-willed child. To be able to pray to the Heavenly Father is now the supreme joy; to feel He understands every sacrifice you make in dress, society, or usual habits, and will reward you very soon. Solitary—yet not alone is the devoted mother-soul.

Then, too, the physical side. Those who yield many months of this trial time to acute self pity are truly sick. Again many have (after a sigh, perhaps, or bitter tears) accepted, then embraced the new burden. Have tried to learn the best ways and have practiced deep breathing, special muscular exercises, read cheerful and even humorous books, corrected their diet, bathed often, altered their dress, and whatever small talent they possessed have eagerly taken a daily hour to pursue it, knowing the results in an intellectual way to the unborn by willing and working on one concentrated idea.

The optimistic woman bethinks herself of the fact that quite a goodly number of women do not die at the crisis time. The pessimist laments and fears. The one is bravely unselfish, as she says, "I must die sometime and why live so badly as to hurry the danger or lose the self-respect I shall wish to feel on my death-bed?" The pessimistic soul hugs her selfism and grows a moral and physical coward, only relieved and cured when she sits rocking the wonderful result of all those months. She is cured—but her lack of sense has harmed her best beloved!

Do not lament the blessed new state. You are beginning a mission, and honor crowns true mothers. Let love have control now as it will later. And, be practical. Learn the truth—there is a way to reduce the usual pain; there are methods which are as scientific as those which athletes employ when training.

Dress is indeed a topic to consider for yourself as well as the precious morsel. All women love to dress in dainty garments. Dress now for comfort and for deep breathing. So get your wardrobe altered first. Later we shall consider economical and dainty ideas for dressing babies. In this line I have studied much and tested new ideas on my own children and suggested them to others whom I nursed or helped; so it will rejoice me to answer all who are puzzled.

There are better ways for dressing babies. What real torment past generations made the little tots endure! I wish, entreat, all to send a postal request to that friend of mothers—the makers of the famous Gertrude Suits, i. e., The Novelty Knitting Co., 810 Broadway, Albany, N. Y., for their interesting catalogue. There is a fine article in it of deep interest and help, written by a good hearted physician. And—help us, your would-be friends; it is a real business favor to mention that you saw this in Vick's Family Magazine. All magazines request the favor of their readers.

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"Instead of doing the things we would like, which would bring completeness to our life in our own eyes, we must pick up a wearisome burden that has no inspiration in it, and carry it with a constant sense of loss. There are times when the best nature revolts against this apparent waste; and yet it is precisely through this discipline that men and women are moulded into nobler, spiritual stature; it is by patient submission to restriction, by cheerful bearing of the burden of others, by uncomplaining acceptance of conditions imposed upon us by the weaknesses and sin of those we love, that the truest liberty (soul liberty) and most enduring strength are won."—H. W. Mabie.

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Pattie Temple's Sweetening.

It was Saturday morning—and raining! Did you ever hear of anything so dreadful? Pattie Temple thought that she never had, for her cousin Grace had promised to spend the day with her if it did not rain, and they had planned so many things to play. Pattie's mamma had promised them a tea party out in the grape arbor, and now the naughty rain had spoiled it all. Pattie drummed on the window, kicked at the footstools, and was so cross and ugly that, at last, mamma said:

"Pattie, you may take your chair and sit out in the woodhouse until you think you can bring in a sweater temper; we are tired of such a sour little girl."

Pattie went out into the woodhouse, where she and Grace planned to arrange two houses and play "come to see" each other. It made her temper worse just to think about it; so she sat down and determined to pout all day long!

There were barrels and boxes all along one side of the woodhouse, and Pattie had been told that she must never climb on them; but after she had pouted a while, something seemed to whisper to her, "Pattie, why don't you climb on that barrel in the center and play that you are a queen on her throne. It will be such a nice play, and you have been so disappointed and misused, poor child."

Pattie sprang up and climbed upon the barrel. She was soon playing gayly, making believe that she was a queen, and that all the barrels and boxes were her subjects, when all at

once, in went the floor of her throne and down, down went Pattie right into a barrel of molasses. The barrel was pretty full and when Pattie's feet touched the bottom the molasses came up under her plump chin.

Her mamma came running when she heard the pitiful cries, and lifted out a terribly sticky, tearful little girl. The pretty, blue dress was ruined, and there was a great scratch across one of her cheeks. All the family joined in pitying and petting her, never once asking how she happened to be on the barrel; but at night when mamma was tucking her up in bed, Pattie threw both arms round her neck and said penitently, "Mamma, if I had not disobeyed you I would not have fallen into the barrel; I'm so sorry I disobeyed you; but mamma, I b'lieve I've surely sweetened my temper for a whole year.

Selected.

Small Change.

Did you ever know a millionaire who insisted upon going about with nothing smaller than twenty-dollar bills in his pocket? No, however much money a man may have, he generally realizes that the majority of people are not rich, and for their convenience, as well as his own, he provides himself with the silver and small bills which will make it easy for him to deal with them.

Now, though most people are careful not to start out on a day's business or pleasure without the necessary dimes, quarters, and dollars, there is another kind of small change quite as important, which is often forgotten. It is

the small change of kindness as shown in the smiling face, the pleasant greeting, the cordial chat, the little act of generosity or self-sacrifice.

There is a man who is always ready to charm a company of cultured or distinguished people with his wonderful conversational powers, but for ordinary mortals his lips are sealed, and in his own family he will often sit a whole evening without the slightest attempt to enliven the dullness of wife or daughters who have been kept at home all day.

Then there is a woman who is brilliant as an officer in various societies and clubs, but, unless she is given a position of prominence she will do nothing.

A certain boy who can be entrusted with an important errand, and who would risk his life to save a comrade from drowning, will not get up when

he is called in the morning, he is seldom at the table when a meal is served, and he is careless and heedless about all the little duties of life.

A girl plays the piano and sings beautifully. She is considered very obliging and even self-sacrificing by those who know her slightly, for she is always ready to sing and play for an admiring audience. But, when her father comes home at night, tired and longing for the restful influence of her music, she hurries through one or two songs in a half-hearted way, as though she were granting a favor, while it would never occur to her to give up a social engagement, because her mother had a headache and needed her at home.

Then there is the man whose name usually heads subscription lists, but who hires his workmen for the lowest

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FRUIT NOTES

By Prof. H. E. Vandeman.

NOVEMBER SUGGESTIONS.

See that everything is in shape for the coming winter in the orchards, vineyards and berry patches. A little neglect now may make a great difference with next year's crop, or, with the whole future of the trees and plants under your care.

Mice in the Orchard.

It is not often that mice will gnaw the bark from the bases of trees that are in clean ground. They do not do their work until food gets scarce, but it is wise to prepare for that time. All grass, weeds or other trash should be cleaned away from a space at least two feet in diameter next the trees and the soil tramped down hard. They do not like to work in hard ground. It is a good plan to put a little poisoned corn in the soil next the trees, where the mice may find it if they come and where chickens can not reach it easily.

Borers.

Now is the time to look for the borers that have been missed in former examinations. As cold weather comes on they will get deeper and deeper, and not only be harder to get but will do more damage. The peach borers do not go so deep in the wood as the apple and quince borers, but they all need to be dug out at once. This

work can be done at the same time that the trash is cleaned away to prevent leaving harbors for mice.

Strawberries.

It pays to mulch the strawberry beds, whether large or small. It will keep the winter from injuring them by frequent freezing and thawing of the ground; the snow will also be caught better and held better than if the ground is bare of all but the strawberry tops. Then, early the next spring, just before the plants begin to grow, remove all but a thin covering, putting it between the rows, so the tender leaves and flower stalks can come through. This will insure clean berries, free from dirt and grit, and keep the moisture in the soil, to help the berries to grow. If the mulch is some kind of coarse manure, so much the better. It will do the plants no harm, but the contrary. I have often tried it.

The Bush Fruits.

The raspberry, blackberry, currant and other bush fruits will be greatly benefited by a coating of coarse manure or other mulch. If it is fresh from the stable it will be all right. Do not put it deeper than about six inches, lest it heat and injure the tender roots beneath. This is what nature does in the fall, by drifting leaves in among the bushes. They keep the soil about the roots cool and moist and yet do not allow hard freezing, and finally rot and fertilize them. In all my experience with small fruits there is no work that I ever did that paid better than mulching, and the richer the mulch is in plant food the better. Do not delay it until the hard freezing begins.

What is Good Planting?

Many of those who think they are good horticulturists are guilty of falling far short of their duty when it comes to planting trees and other things for which they have paid good money. It is due every nursery tree or plant to be put back in the ground in as nearly the same condition as possible that it was before having been taken out of it. The earth should never be wet when planting is done. I would rather plant in dust than in mud. Dust will pack tight and it can be moistened, but mud can not be dried out artificially. It will shrink from the roots as it dries and leave them in bad condition.

Packing the mellow soil close to the roots is one of the secrets of successful planting. After it is well filled

in under the top roots it should be tramped hard, and then more soil put in until no roots are seen. Then all should be tramped again making it as solid as if setting a post. I always dip the roots in a thin puddle of clay and plant while the mud is yet wet on them. This will cause the loose soil to stick close to the roots and yet not retain its muddy character more than an hour.

Another thing that should never be neglected, especially in the Fall, is the pruning of that which is newly set. Evaporation of the sap of the branches has killed millions of good trees, and injured many million more. One is apt to think that, because there are no leaves on them that there is no evaporation going on. This is a serious and often a fatal mistake. Freezing calls for moisture and the lower the temperature and the longer it continues the greater the danger, if not the positive damage. It is easy to see that the less surface the less evaporation can take place. Hence, common sense would say, cut off all that is not needed. In the case of peach trees this means all but a straight stick, the main stalk, not over two feet tall. There are plenty of buds imbedded in it to start growth the next Spring. With plum and cherry trees the same is about as true. Apple and pear trees should not be cut so severely. Berry bushes should be cut nearly to the ground.

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But we hae meat, and we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit.

Robert Burns.

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TWO GOOD FAT HENS.

"Do you take this car for a hen-yard? No live-stock rides inside I tell you," growled the burly conductor on an electric car on a crowded city street. "Out with you!" And he pushed roughly out upon the platform a bent old woman, muffled in a ragged shawl. The other passengers glanced up curiously to see what the live-stock might be, and perceived that the old lady was carrying by the legs a pair of live, speckled hens.

"No, ma'am; no livestock, I tell you. Cold on the platform? Well, I guess if I can stand it, you can." And in a moment more the withered, bowed figure, nervously clutching its heavy and protesting burden, was shut out into the biting wind and stinging sleet of a late December afternoon.

"Did you ever!" exclaimed a fashionably dressed woman, who sat fondling against her sealskin coat a tiny lapdog, adorned with a huge blue bow. Her neighbor, a young girl of about fifteen, with a thick braid of brown hair falling down over her trig frieze jacket, assented eagerly.

"It's dreadful."

The fashionable woman put up her eyeglasses to stare out at the cowering little figure on the platform. "The idea of her trying to force her way into the car with those disgusting hens. The conductor should have put her off at once to pay her for her impudence."

For a moment the girl with the brown braid stared open-mouthed at the speaker, then with flashing eyes she blurted out, "That wasn't what I meant a bit!" and, springing to her feet, hurried to the back of the car. Opening the door she stepped out into the blast. The conductor reached up to pull the strap, but she shook her head and pointed to the old woman.

"It's dreadful making her stand out here in the cold."

"I've got me orders," said the man gruffly.

"Why are hens worse than dogs? There's a little dog inside."

"Next stop Felton street," shouted the conductor, turning an obdurate back.

The girl laid her hand on the bent, thinly clad shoulder. "Give me the hens," she said. But the old woman shrank back with a look of terror. Was she first to be thrust out into the cold and then robbed?"

"Saints presarve us!" she gasped.

"I mean to hold them and you sit inside. There, do let me—why, you are not afraid I would steal your hens, are you? Look at me. I don't look like that kind of a person do I?"

The old woman let her watery eyes rest a moment on the pretty, fresh face bent so sympathetically over her own, and her hand relaxed its tight clutch on the yellow legs of the fowls.

"The provision man give 'em to me," she said. "I was workin' there. Me ould man do be fair crazy about hins. He's been sick. I've got rheumatiz bad meself."

"I've never had rheumatism in my

life," replied the girl, "and my coat is thicker than your shawl. Come, let me hold them. How far are you going?"

"To Ash street, Evansville," said the old woman, naming an humble suburb.

"All right; go inside."

"The howly Virgin bless ye." And in a moment more the fowls changed hands. The girl shrunk back a little as she took hold of the queer, yellow claws, but she nodded bravely through the pane at the wrinkled, grateful face in the warm car.

"Howly Virgin bless her! The saints be good to her! The Holy Ghost watch over her, and keep that little lamb from harm." These invocations, to the accompaniment of the swish of the sleet on the panes and the rattle of the casements, made the other passengers in the car fix their eyes on the girl outside, now on the old woman within.

Suddenly a shy-looking, poorly clad

boy of sixteen rose and let himself out at the rear door. Every eye followed him. The passengers seated next the back windows pressed their faces to the glass. The boy was not alighting. He was talking to the sweet-faced angel of mercy. What he said only the conductor could hear.

"Let me take them," he stammered awkwardly enough.

"Oh, I don't mind it out here, thank you."

"It's too cold for you. Let me take the hens."

"But it's way to Evansville."

"All right." And, pulling the tied-up claws out of the girl's small, gloved hand, the boy threw open the door of the car.

"Sit ye down, darlin'," said the old woman, making room beside her. Then, anxiously, "Is he an honest boy, do you be thinkin'?"

"Oh, I am sure he is."

"It's a terrible temptation,—two good fat hens!"

"Oh, I'm sure he's honest."

But hardly were the words out of her mouth before the girl opened wide eyes of horror. The boy—courteous, frank-faced boy—had, without warning, and the car rattling along at full speed, sprung from the platform.

"My hins! my good fat hins! Stop the car. Oh, howly Mary, the black-hearted thafe!"

The whole company was now in commotion, and even the conductor himself pulled the strap to give the boy a chance to repent and again board the car. No, he was nowhere to be seen. The city streets were by this time left behind, and the track was running through a dirty, untidy suburb. Only a few figures, eager to be out of the bitter wind, were hurrying along the sidewalks. The lad and the speckled hens had vanished as completely as if the earth had opened to swallow them up. Hobbling to the door, the old woman was for getting

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In the Garden



CONDUCTED BY JOHN ELLIOTT MORSE.

November Days.

The royal Indian summer with its purple haze and horn of plenty will greet us this month. But let us remember that its coming is usually the herald of the more stern and stormy "Square" winter. Jack Frost will very likely get in his work on some of the later vegetables; no matter, for some of them, notably late cabbage, turnips, rutabagas etc., are all the more crisp and tender after a few conferences with him. Do not risk them too long however, for November withal is a somewhat frisky companion and liable at almost any moment to break away for a "time of its own." It is always disheartening and really unfortunate after all the labor bestowed in growing the vegetables to have Jack Frost steal a march on us and gather in the fruits of our toil by claiming them before we get there. So it is wise to be on time and not entrust him too fully with our affairs. The suggestions in October number will be helpful in caring for nearly all the vegetables, and in all our North Land they must be speedily cared for now. It is not yet vacation time; for we have still more work which we wish to map out, that is timely now.

How about the early onions for use next spring? Did all our gardeners get the sets planted or seeds sown on time? I fear a "straw" vote among them would find some of us who did not. Well if so, then let me suggest a compromise that will in part remedy the mistake. In a large portion of the North it is now too late for the work of planting or sowing; but the ground may be prepared by plowing or spading. Work in plenty of the best stable manure (well rotted). Do not be miserly; but after you think you have put on enough, then supplement it with still more. Get your sets ready for very early planting (prize takers will be best) and at the first peep of spring plant them out. They will grow when the weather and ground are still quite cold, and even some freezing will not injure them. So do not be afraid of too early planting and you will have them still quite early. Further south, the Egyptian or perennial tree onion sets may be planted out even yet to good advantage, and they will grow to eating size quite early.

Late Onions.

For this crop, the ground had better be plowed or spaded this fall. Do not forget what was said of fertilizing the ground for early onions; but carry out its very letter and spirit. It is useless, and will always be disappoint-

ing to attempt to grow onions on poor soil. For best results, the onion seed for main or late crop should be sown early, and if the preliminary work of fitting the ground is left until spring, it is very apt to be too late before the entire preparation of the seed bed can be properly done. Do the preliminary work now; and there will be all the more time in spring for thorough surface culture, and still get the seed sown in good time.

On Time.

In the garden work, it is quite impossible I think to ever estimate the real losses occasioned by that little thief, "Out-of-time." Vegetables have a natural or normal season for growing at their best, and sown or planted out of that natural or normal season, it is always at the expense of best results. Upon one occasion, our sewing machine became very unruly and fractious, and work as we might with it, we could not remedy the defect. Everything in so far as we could see was in perfect order; but it would do its work nicely for a few stitches and then, "snap" would go the thread, or some stitches would be dropped. I finally took it to the company's office and had their adjuster look it over. After looking it over and testing it he said that it was "out-of-time." By that he meant that some part of the machinery failed to respond, or do its work at just the proper instant of time. That made every other part entirely useless. He adjusted the unruly part, and everything has gone as smoothly since as one could desire. Can we but apply the principle to our garden work, it will save much in every way.

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THE LAWN

Wherever lawn improvements are contemplated or are in progress, the rough grading should, as far as possible, be completed before winter sets in. There are a number of advantages in fall grading which should not be overlooked. Perhaps most important of all is that of having the soil thoroughly settle before the seeding is done in the spring. When there is deep filling, as in case of closing drain tiles and the like, the only perfect settling is that which occurs with rough grading; leaving the soil somewhat high and well trodden over the deep places—in the autumn. By then finishing the surface and seeding in the spring, there will be perfect evenness for all time.

Do deep filling in the spring or at any time just before seeding or sodding, and more or less unevenness to the lawn surface is true to result, no matter how carefully the soil is firmed. Two other advantages that attend fall grading, usually, are that labor and teams are not so scarce at this season, and frequently the ground is drier and more economical to handle than in the spring. Sometimes where an even lawn grade might be desired in a home or other plat, where considerable variation exists in the surface, persons are deterred from doing the leveling up because of the labor involved.

True, such work is laborious but sometimes we forget that it is less so than appears at first sight, because in such work each shovelful of earth counts for two. That is to say, take up a shovelful from a mound and throw into a depression and the change of two shovelfuls towards evening the surface is effected. In practice the writer has always been impressed by the rapid progress one makes in work of this kind, because of the principle illustrated. While on the subject, perhaps attention should be called to the correction of surface equalities in the case of old lawns.

Depressions often exist as a result of unseasonable grading, and such as usually prove an eye-sore to the owner. To remedy defects of this nature, some persons scatter a little soil into the low places year after year, thus gradually filling them up. A much better course consists of cutting a thin layer of sod with a sharp spade, starting at the lowest point, and rolling it back to where the depression began. Then after filling in fresh earth to bring it up to the line, compacting it somewhat, return the rolls of sod to their places, beating them down with the spade and the job is finished.

By a reverse order of treatment slight rises in a lawn can similarly be disposed of. It is often a great satisfaction to be able to overcome lawn defects thus easily.

In the late autumn give the lawn a covering of well-rotted stable manure, spreading it evenly over the ground, and let it be during the winter. Do not use coarse, fresh manure and litter, as this will bring a great many

more weed seeds that will spring up the next season. If old, rotted manure cannot be supplied, then give a dressing of some good commercial fertilizer, at the rate of about two hundred pounds to the acre. It is advisable always to use such fertilizer instead of stable manure on lawns immediately adjacent to the house, as the disagreeable appearance and odor of the latter are quite objectionable in such a place.

Some early flowering spring bulbs, crocus, scillas, chionodoxas, can be planted in the grass by making a hole with a pointed stick or a trowel, placing the bulb and then covering with earth. They bloom before the grass needs cutting and so are not in the way of the lawn mower. They can be scattered or massed, as one pleases.

Early in the following spring, after the frost is out, rake over the lawn, fining and spreading evenly any of the autumn dressing that may remain on the ground and removing all sticks and stones. If any holes or depressions

As soon as the lawn has been raked over in the spring run the roller over it. Commence to use the lawn mower early, and before too much growth has been made. The clippings can remain where they fall during the first and second summers, but afterwards they should be removed, leaving the lawn neater in appearance.

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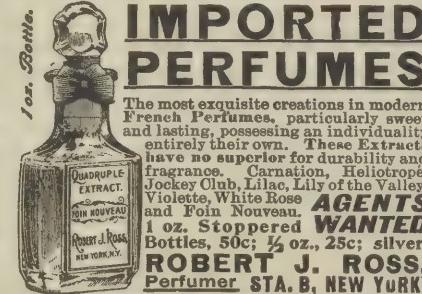
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I followed directions and dyed one pound of rags first, then added a little more water and dyed another pound. This gave me two shades of each color. I had the rugs woven with white warp and one yard by two yards in size. The centers are made hit and miss of white and red, pink or blue, no piece being over twelve inches long, and plain stripes of white and the color used in the center, form the border. These rugs are handsome and being fast colors can be easily washed. Where one cannot have the rugs woven, they can be braided in three strands, and about two thirds of an inch wide (the braids). I saw one made of blue and white. It was oval in shape, with a center of eight rows of plain white, then eight rows of two strands white and one blue, then eight rows of two strands blue and one white, eight strands of plain blue, three of plain white and three of plain blue. Handsome rugs can be made in this way by using any desired combination of colors. Fine twine is preferable to thread in sewing them as it lasts longer. Braided rugs are the easiest of all rugs to make, last longer and use up all sorts of cloth. After making a nice rug or two I always use up the odds and ends in making a small door mat for outside use.

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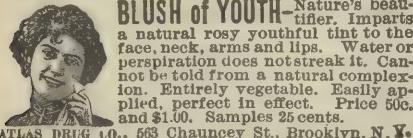
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in height, the north side the higher to give the proper slope to the south. Cut the end boards six feet two inches in length, and nail the end posts which should be two by four inches flush with the ends of boards. This brings the posts which should be nailed on the inside of end boards five feet, six inches apart. Set up the ends in the pit, and the side boards will then fit inside the end posts to which they should also be nailed. Cut four inside posts, same size as end posts, two for either side of the box, and spike to inside of boards. Cut two pieces same size of posts, and of right length to fit snugly between the posts for bottom braces. Also two upper braces which should fit flush with top of posts and have same slope as the bed. When the work is completed, the spaces outside may be filled in firmly with soil, and the work is completed. This gives the south side twelve inches, and the north side eighteen inches above ground. This space may be banked with manure at any time when weather conditions demand. In addition to the sash there should also be a board covering and better still, a mat also. These with plenty of manure banking and also manure in the bottom if desired will stand any ordinary degree of cold. This will be found a great convenience in many ways and is especially so for forcing rhubarb, only if the sash are used, at all, be sure that they are securely covered to exclude all the daylight.

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Another prolific source of winter eggs is to have early hatched pullets. To insure this, however, they must be kept busy scratching for grain and kept in comfortable quarters. Bury all whole grain in litter of some kind, supply sharp grit, green food and some kind of meat food, plenty of shells and a good dust bath.

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Sunflower seed is the best thing to add gloss to the plumage and should be fed during moulting period or when fitting fowl for exhibition. Oil meal and cut bone are also good. They all shorten the moulting period. A little salt in any mash is good at all times but especially so during the moult.

If you keep fowl in confinement it is a good plan to supply them with charcoal, either crushed and kept before them or ground used in a mash twice a week. It is a blood purifier acting on the digestive and assimilating organs through the liver which is one of the most fruitful sources of disease with poultry, the same as it is with human beings.

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Take the male away from the hens just as soon as the breeding season is over. If you do not intend to use

him next season and he is not a fancy bird have a good pot pie off him, for he would eat up his intrinsic or market value if kept over, and the hens will do much better without him, especially during the moulting period. If you wish to keep him he will be a much more vigorous future breeder if kept away from the flock until needed.

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Utility of Green Cut Bone.

Many poultry keepers do not realize the value of fresh green cut bone. It is a great egg producer as well as flesh forming food and should be a regular portion of the diet. Some writers advocate its use every day at the rate of one ounce per hen but we believe it best to feed every three day and when the fowl is rather hungry.

Do not make the mistake of using the commercial crushed bone which is sold in sacks and perfectly dry. It is not to be compared to green raw bone fresh from the butchers with meat and gristle on. It is almost a perfect food. Do not use the old fashioned, temper trying method with a hatchet, for bone so prepared is not nearly as valuable as when cut by a modern bone cutter. The "Humphrey" bone cutter shreds it and makes every particle available and greedily eaten by the fowl. Everyone who keeps even but a few fowl should have one of these machines. Humphrey & Sons of Joliet, Ill., issue a very handsome and useful forty-eight page book covering this subject and containing timely notes, pointers, etc., for poultry keepers and it is free for the asking. Send for it.

About Lice.

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is the one recommended in September number—a liquid lice killer all over roosts, nests, etc., and a dry powder through the feathers of the fowl.

Many people who keep a few hens but not as a business, are not aware that there are not only several kinds of lice which live on the body of the fowl and cannot exist off it but also several more that have their quarters in the wood work and feed upon the fowl while roosting. The mere scattering of dry powder through the house has but little effect towards eradicating either class of these parasites which are the worst foe poultry has to contend with, and too much pains, with proper knowledge, can scarcely be used to combat them.

To Fatten Turkeys.

Soon comes the time for fattening the turkeys which takes about three weeks, and while it may be done by feeding whole corn, better meat is made by thick boiled corn meal mush and oat meal mixed with some suet and chopped celery. The writer has fattened turkeys in two weeks by confining in dark coops letting in light only at feeding time, and procured stock that easily commanded twenty per cent more than market price at Thanksgiving. The same method may be used with all fowl.

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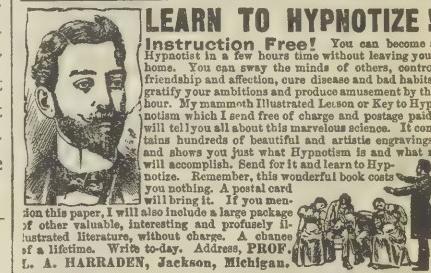


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The waist pattern 4109 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

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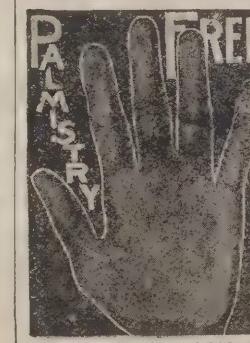
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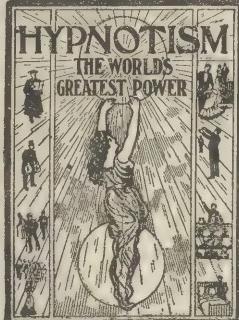
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TALKS ABOUT FLOWERS.

(Continued from page six.)

the sides of the pot lower than that around the base of the plant. In this way the water will sink down more readily and the plant will be in no danger of decay.

Palms and ferns should not be given a position in the direct sunlight for fear that the leaves will lose their rich, deep color. Plants of similar nature should not be kept in darkened hallways or parlors for weeks at a time for the same reason. A good even light is desirable, and should be provided. Geraniums, on the other hand, will be glad of all the sunlight they can get, and the sunniest window should be given to them. Winter blooming bulbs will do well in either a sunny or a shady window, but cinerarias and Chinese primroses should be given a cool, even-temperatured and practically sunless place. Perennials and other hardy plants should receive attention this month. If it has not been done before, apply a thick mulch of decayed stable compost to the plants and remove the tops of the phlox, etc. At the north it is a little too late to order and plant perennials, but I shall have something to say on that subject later on.

THE MOTHER'S MEETING

(Continued from page eight.)

no time to discover the exposure, coughs of lingering obstinacy may be established in October. Now, lingering coughs need relief ere they wear a growing child thin. You have read my indorsement of Hyomei and Hydroleine or Cod-liver Emulsions, but is it not logical to prevent the cough itself? Can this be done? Dear readers, the answer lies in your own grasp. And it costs nothing to try whether Egyptian throat bands can help in your case. Read their twenty days, free trial offer on page 8.

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When a nurse is engaged and will not wait lest she lose another engagement, the refusal is sometimes a blessing. Never does a woman more need and gratefully appreciate true help of hands and heart. Believing as I do that lady physicians have an actual mission which in time shall be entirely the work of woman for women

combining a woman's intuition, her sympathy, and the scientific skill necessary for the work.

Mothers are yearly less able to secure proper help even at high prices. The nurse refuses to assist in housework. The poor mother, in her anxiety, too soon assumes the reins and future illness is thus begun.

Now, mother readers, let us pledge ourselves to always comfort and help in these cases. Whatever form of help is needed let us seek to know it (and do as much for one whom we have found rather disagreeable as for another whom we like. (What would Jesus do?) It may be the best help would be to take a very young child away and free the mother of noise and worry for two weeks. Perhaps some small garments, some darning, or button holes are worrying her. Why not take them home to do? Just run in with bread and a dainty or two (nothing like a bottle of Welch's Grape Juice right here) and, with a few words to praise that "blessed baby," stir the warm pride of both parents. Perhaps you can read nicely and thus relieve the second week's isolation. Or, you have lovely flowers to share. And always a word about the sweet wonder of motherhood.

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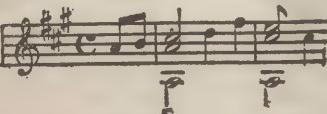
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"What e'er thy lot,"
Ah yes! whatever it be,
I thought to myself as I listened,
I will gladly share it with thee.
"Would I were with thee;"
The song it has long been o'er,
But my heart still echoes the final words,
Though the singer I'll hear no more.
"Would I were with thee;"
My waiting is almost o'er,
And soon I will cross the dark river,
And be with him evermore.

May Lonard.

Uncertainty.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)
Although no human heart my burden shares,
Can it be true there's One who knows and cares?
And are my ears so dull they fail to hear
A voice that ever speaks kind words of cheer?

Can it be true I need not strive alone,
That I may make a perfect strength my own?
And are my eyes so dim they cannot see
A helping hand that reaches down to me?
Look up, oh doubting heart, and pray that He
Who healed the deaf and blind in Galilee
May touch thee with His all transforming hand.
So shalt thou see and hear and understand.

Mabel Cornelia Matson.

The Corn Song.

Heap high the farmer's wintry hoard!
Heap high the golden corn!
No richer gift has Autumn poured
From out her lavish horn!
Let other lands, exulting, glean
The apple from the pine,
The orange from its glossy green,
The cluster from the vine;
We better love the hardy gift
Our rugged vales bestow,
To cheer us when the storms shall drift
Our harvest-fields with snow.

Through vales of grass and meads of flowers
Our ploughs their furrows made,
While on the hills the suns and showers
Of changeful April played.
We dropped the seed o'er hill and plain,
Beneath the sun of May,
And frightened from our sprouting grain
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And waved in hot midsummer's noon
Its soft and yellow hair.

And now, with Autumn's moonlit eves,
Its harvest time has come,
We pluck away the frosted leaves,
And bear the treasure home.

There, richer than the fabled gift
Apollo showered of old,
Fair hands the broken grain shall sift,
And knead its meal of gold.

Let vapid idlers loll in silk,
Around their costly board;
Give us the bowl of samp and milk,
By homespun beauty poured!

Where'er the wide old kitchen hearth
Sends up its smoky curls,
Who will not thank the kindly earth,
And bless our farmer girls!

Then shame on all the proud and vain,
Whose folly laughs to scorn
The blessing of our hardy grain,
Our wealth of golden corn!

Let earth withhold her goodly root,
Let mildew blight the rye,
Give to the worm the orchard's fruit,
The wheat-field to the fly;

But let the good old crop adorn
The hills our fathers trod;
Still let us, for his golden corn,
Send up our thanks to God!

John G. Whittier.

Book Notices.

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Catalogues received—James Vicks Sons, Rochester, N. Y., Autumn, 1902.—American Seeds 1902-1903, Pinehurst Nurseries, Pinehurst, N. C.—Specialties, Autumn, 1902, Fred'k W. Kelsey, 150 Broadway, New York City.

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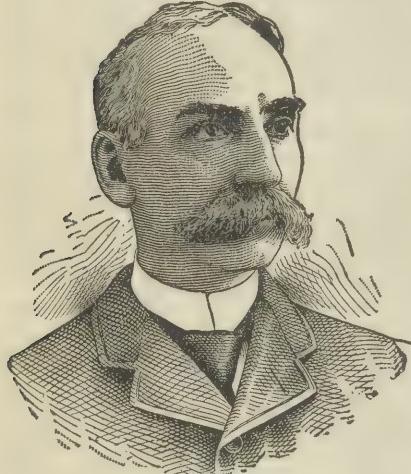
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Bermuda: Our Kitchen Garden
(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Bermuda has been aptly called our winter kitchen garden, and in more senses than one this term literally describes the island so close to us, and yet so totally different in its climate and products from any part of the United States.

The Bermudians are all farmers or gardeners, and every one has his small garden upon which he depends for his living. These farms are mere kitchen gardens, running from one to five acres in extent, and never larger than ten. They are located in the valleys between the small hills. The hill-sides are rocky and barren; but the valleys have a rich fertile soil, which can be made to produce abundant crops of onions, potatoes, or Bermuda lilies.

In this valley he builds his house of coral rock. The landscape of Bermuda is reported by visitors to be dotted over with dazzlingly white coral houses, which the Bermudians surround with stone fences or hedges. The houses owe their whiteness, however, to a liberal use of whitewash and not to any peculiarity of the coral rock. The native saws the rock into squares and erects his one-story home very much as a New Mexico or Arizona architect builds his adobe house with his sun-dried bricks of mud and straw. The rock is so plentiful that the builder can dig all he needs for his home out of the excavation which serves as a cellar. When finished the interior and exterior of the home is thoroughly whitewashed. To prevent the whitewash from wearing off the native painter adds a little molasses to it, or sometimes the juice of the prickly-pear leaves.

In a climate that is warm and delightful most of the year such a primitive sort of abode may seem all right; but, like the adobe houses in the Southwest, life out of doors is much pleasanter than indoors, and when a long rainy season prevails existence becomes decidedly disagreeable. The coral rock absorbs moisture like a sponge, and in rainy seasons it becomes so saturated with water that the interior is too damp for comfortable living. The whitewash partly counteracts this tendency, and now many of the natives go a step further and cement the exterior before putting on the whitewash.

The soil of the farm is good; but there is too little of it. All of the tillable soil on the island would hardly make more than a dozen good size American farms, and this is divided up into such small holdings that each farmer can scarcely earn more than a competency.

While most fruits and vegetables will thrive in Bermuda in a most astonishing manner, the farmers devote most of their time and labor to the cultivation of potatoes, onions, and lilies. This is largely due to the fact that the island has an international reputation for producing these in perfection, and a ready market is always waiting for them. The

people cannot afford to raise anything on their small farms that is at all doubtful. There is too much at stake for them. If one season's crop should fail they would suffer considerably. They cannot even afford to raise Bermuda onions or early potatoes for home use. These are all exported to New York, or some other large market, where good prices are freely paid.

There is some unexplainable peculiarity about the soil or climate of Bermuda, which makes the onions and potatoes of such delicious quality. It may not be generally known that the Bermuda potato growers secure all of their seed potatoes from New York or Canada. These are imported into the island in considerable numbers early every fall, costing the farmers by the time they reach the island from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per barrel. Seed potatoes will not keep through the summer in Bermuda. The growers have tried the experiment many times; but the result has always been the same—an inferior crop of new marketable potatoes for the New York winter and spring trade. So the farmers import their seed potatoes in the fall, and ship their new Bermuda potatoes back to New York in early spring.

Similarly the famous Bermuda onions are affected by either the soil or climate, or by the two combined. These Bermuda onions cannot be raised anywhere else. Such a thing as Bermuda onion seed in the United States may be offered for sale occasionally by irresponsible dealers; but it is not any better than any other onion seed. Planted in this country it produces just ordin-

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The seeds of the onions can be raised in Bermuda, but there is danger of deterioration in the crop unless new seeds are imported every few years. These new seeds are brought from the Canary Islands sealed up carefully in bottles. Even in their native islands the seeds do not begin to produce the same onions as they do in Bermuda. Seeds have been brought by enterprising seedsmen from the Canary Islands to this country; but in spite of everything they produced only very ordinary American onions.

The temperature in Bermuda from November to June ranges from fifty to seventy-five degrees, and in this delightful climate the onions flourish, the white variety maturing two or three weeks earlier than the red. The first sowing is made the last week in September, and kept up until the first week in November. The seeds are sown thickly, and transplanting begins in December and continues until the middle of January. The beds are prepared in the most careful manner, and sea-weed and commercial fertilizers are freely used to enrich the soil. Most of the gardens are surrounded by stone walls or oleander hedges to keep off the winter gales. In the harvesting season colored men, women, and children pull, sort, and pack the onions in crates made from wood brought in shucks from Maine. The yield of an acre of rich soil is sometimes enormous, as high sometimes as 800 crates, but the average is no higher than 200 to 300. The average prices for these onions in New York are \$2.00 per bushel in January; \$1.50 in February; \$1.00 in March, and seventy-five cents in April and May.

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diately forced for the early winter

market. The true Bermuda lily, how-

ever, rarely blossoms before February

or March, and in its native island

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about Easter time. Those intended for the New York markets are shipped from the island early in the winter, and the florists force them in pots. Every steamer that leaves the island during the season of blossoming carries hundreds of the flowers; but the majority left to blossom on the island are sold to visitors and tourists at the large hotels. Lily-growing is not as profitable in Bermuda as formerly, because of the more general culture of its rival—*L. longiflorum*. This latter is a much hardier plant; its culture so simple that amateurs have fair success with the bulbs; and the flowers retain their shape and odor much longer. The bulbs are also much cheaper.

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THE COUSIN.

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me. I'm going to be entirely confidential with you. The fact is, I am awfully hungry."

"And I am going to take you straight home to breakfast," said the girl. "You will find Mrs. Brotherton, my landlady, delightfully hospitable. She takes care of several boarders, but you shall have the parlor bedroom. Yes, it's all right. She promised to save breakfast for me—I came away so early. How long can you stay, cousin?"

"All day today, and tomorrow, too, if you will let me. Yes, and perhaps I'll promise to come again."

The girl laughed a low pleasant laugh.

"I've just thought of a queer coincidence," she said. "I bought a Pittsburg paper at the station—here it is—and the first thing that caught my eye was a startling headline announcing that Greer, the great financier, you know, had cornered the R. & M. stock. And I was wondering if he could be a relative and weaving a little romance over it, when you hailed me."

"It was instinct this time," laughed Dunham. "He is another of your cousins. My father, you know."

And the pleasant eyes that were suddenly turned upon him, opened very wide indeed.

It was a delightful walk all the way to Mrs. Brotherton's door, and Mrs. Brotherton was greatly pleased to meet Miss Greer's cousin, and Mr. Greer was quite welcome to the parlor bedroom. And then there was a nice breakfast that Mrs. Brotherton produced in a great hurry, and to which Dunham did ample justice. And after breakfast there was another walk, for Cousin Allie wanted to show Cousin Dunham certain beauties of the place and her time was his because it was the Saturday holiday.

And during that walk Dunham learned several interesting facts about this delightful new cousin.

Yes, she liked Amesbury. The people were kind to her, and her duties were not arduous. There was a pleasant social element in the place, and it made her welcome.

Yes, there was a young man.

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She loved to talk of her family and had a great respect for wealth. Not to put too fine a point on it, she

did not approve of Almira as a possible daughter-in-law. She hadn't the family prestige that Henry's mother demanded. Who were the Greer's? Who ever heard of a Greer in connection with the early history of our nation? Nor was there wealth to compensate for this lack of blue blood. No. Almira was a good girl and a bright and attractive girl, but she was not the girl for Henry.

Dunham's new cousin did not tell him this in these words exactly, but he pieced in between the fragments and fancied he thoroughly understood the situation.

"And if it were not for his maternal opposition you and Henry could fix upon a happy day in short order, I suppose," he said.

Almira blushed prettily.

"Yes," she frankly replied. "But Henry must not oppose his mother. I will not marry him without her approval." Then her face suddenly cleared and she laughed merrily. "But here I am making an entire confidant of you, and up to eight o'clock this morning I did not know of your existence. How strange it seems."

"I don't see why," said Dunham. "Am I not acting for my father, whose deputy you may consider me, your senior male relative and authorized agent? Do you know what I am going to do? I'm coming down here on a certain eventful day and when the pastor asks 'Who giveth this woman?' your cousin Dunham will step right to the front."

Almira looked at him with a grateful smile.

"I don't think you will forget your promise, although you may have a long, long time to wait before it is fulfilled."

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Almira looked at him a little doubtfully.

"I am sure you are talking seriously," she said, "but—but you are very young."

Dunham laughed boyishly.

"My dear cousin," he said and suddenly paused. "That sounds very nice. Let me say it again. My dear cousin, I am sorry not to notice such a lack of confidence in your troubled voice. You must trust me implicitly. I assure you I have several cards up my sleeve that will, I hope, handsomely offset the weakness of my youthful suit. But, there, you simply are to bring the characters on and I am to do the rest. And now I want to tell you that I am getting desperately hungry again."

"Dear me," cried Almira, "what a selfish person I am. Here I brought you out to view the scenery and then talked only of myself."

"But I didn't come to see the scenery," said Dunham. "I came to see you."

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Then Dunham's eyes met Henry's and the latter suddenly remarked that he had a new book to show Allie and drew her away to the library.

"Your name I understand to be Greer?" said the old lady.

"Yes," replied Dunham, "I am Allie's cousin."

"But I never heard her mention you."

"I have been away, madame, for some time. I spent the better part of a year in the south of France. And then there was a two months' visit with my late mother's cousin Lady Annabel Cleve in London. Besides I have been called to the Pacific coast several times and altogether I'm afraid Allie quite lost track of me."

Dunham spoke with a glibness that quite surprised him and he was glad to see that it made something of an impression on the lady.

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"The Greers are great travelers," laughed Dunham. "At least our Greers are. My father covers an amazing number of miles in the course of a year."

"I have been led to suppose that traveling when carried to an excess was very expensive," said the old lady.

"Not when you happen to own the roads you travel over," said Dunham with a pleasant laugh.

The old lady stared hard at him.

"Did I understand aright that your name is Greer?"

"Yes, madam, Dunham Greer of Cleveland and New York."

"I've never heard of but one Greer."

"And I've no doubt" laughed Dunham "that he is another one of Allie's relatives."

"I fancy not. The man I refer to is popularly called 'The Railway King.'

"That's the very man," laughed Dunham. "No doubt you have seen his name in the daily papers and cartoons of him too. Such atrocious caricatures."

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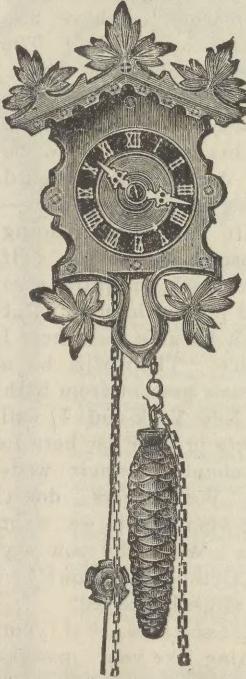
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"Will you come a little closer Mr. Greer?" said Henry's mother. "I don't hear quite as well as I did. Did I understand you to say that you were connected with the British aristocracy?"

"My late mother's favorite cousin is Lady Cleve," Dunham replied. "They were Von Twillers you know and grew up together. My Cousin Annabel has testified to her love for my mother by naming her oldest boy Dunham and he will in due time, you know, if all goes well, be the Earl of Teesdale."

"Your name is Dunham" said the old lady.

"Yes madam and now that we are alone I want to have a little talk with you on a family matter. I understand that an affair of the heart has sprung up between your son and my cousin. My cousin is a very independent young woman but in this affair it is quite right that her relatives should be consulted and as I may say called upon. I am here as the representative of my father, Allie's oldest and nearest male relative, to aid in making such arrangements as may seem appropriate. There are but few of us Greers but we stand together. Pray let me finish madam. I have met your son and approve of him. The family can have no objection there. I need say nothing of my cousin. The man who leads her to the altar madam no matter what his station, is to be congratulated. And now with regard to the date of the wedding, madam—and we want it a church wedding with all the usual accessories. If there is no objection I am quite sure my father would prefer October. But if he should not be able to be here I will take his place. There will be a party of my friends present from both Cleveland and New York and I will have my father's private car here to start the young couple on their wedding journey. We Greers don't marry often but when we do we want it done right. What do you say madam? Does October suit you?"

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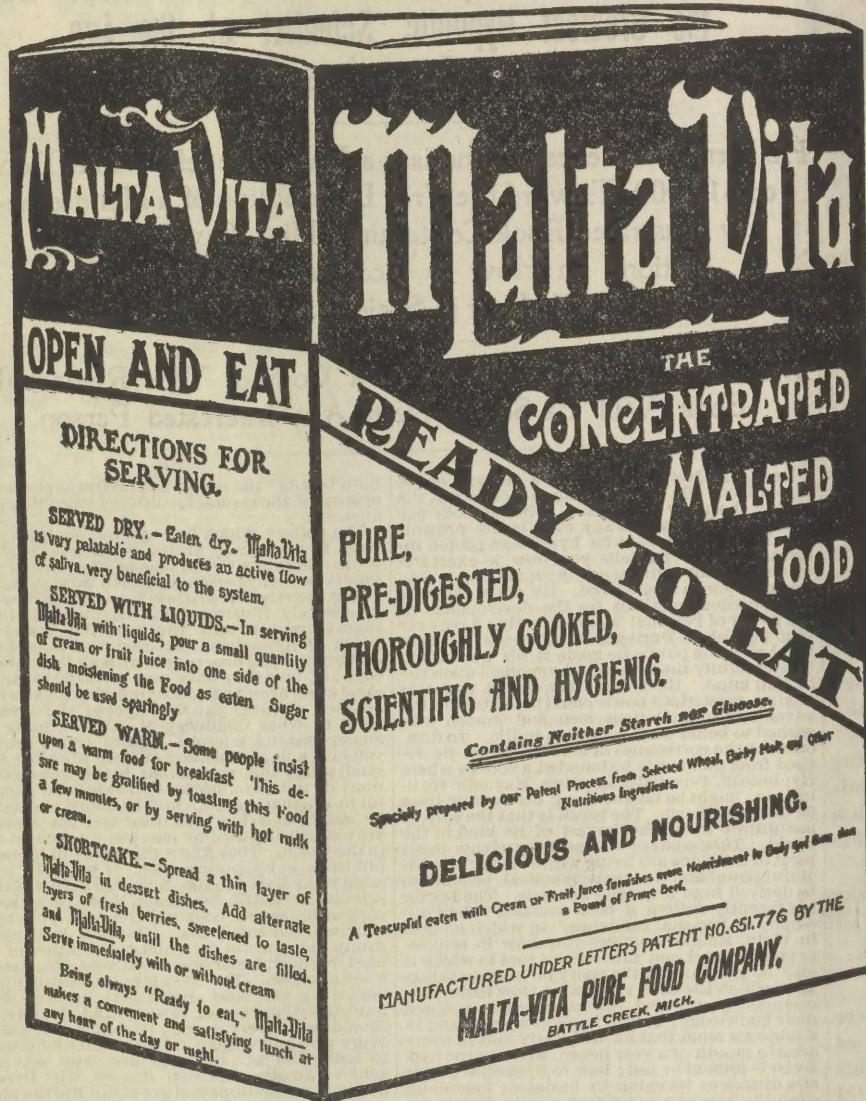
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